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For: SLIDING BEARING AND BEARING MECHANISM HAVING
THE SAME

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated March 17, 2006, Applicants elect the species of Group 4, including Figures 9-13. Claims 1-5, 7-13, 16, 17, 19-21 and 24-26 and 28 are readable on the elected species.


In the event that generic claim 1 is allowable, rejoinder of the restricted claims is respectfully requested, especially as the Office Action has indicated that claim 1 appears to be generic.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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